

# E-GUN Information

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## What is an E-GUN?

An electric gun, or E-GUN, is any portable device that is designed to discharge electric energy, charge, voltage or current into the body through direct contact or utilizing a projectile. E-GUN includes but is not limited to stun guns and electric projectile guns such as a Taser, and does not include an automatic defibrillator used in emergency medical situations. An E-GUN cartridge is a device or object designed for use with an electric gun to project a missile, such as a Taser cartridge.

## Are E-GUNS legal in the City and County of Honolulu?

Yes, with some requirements and restrictions. The 2021 Hawai'i State Legislature passed and Gov. Ige signed into law [ACT 183 \(21\)](#) that repealed the ban on electric guns and replaced it with a law regulating the use, storage, transfer, and disposal of electric guns effective Jan. 1, 2022. E-GUNS can only be used for self-defense, defense of another person, or protection of property.

## Do I need a permit to purchase/own an E-GUN on O'ahu?

No, but there are restrictions:

- You must purchase/register an E-GUN through a business or individual licensed by the City and County of Honolulu's Kapahulu Business License Office.
- You must be at least 21 years old, pass a criminal history background check, and complete an informational briefing on the dangers, limitations, safe use, handling, storage, and disposal of E-GUNS.
- Ownership or possession is prohibited for certain persons ([ACT 183 HRS 134-F](#)).

## Do I need a business license to sell E-GUNS on O'ahu?

Yes. It is against the law to sell, offer for sale, distribute, or otherwise transfer an electric gun or cartridge without a license, per [ACT 183 HRS 134-C](#).

- You must file an application annually for an E-GUN business license that expires each year on June 30.
- The annual fee is \$50, which will be prorated to \$25 only for the initial E-GUN business license period of Jan. 1 – June 30, 2022.
- Application for renewal of an E-GUN business license is due no later than July 1 of each year.
- Applicant and employees of the business must complete an initial approved electric gun safety course, and every three years thereafter.

## How do I apply for a business license to sell E-GUNS on O'ahu?

- E-GUN business licenses are issued the city's Department of Customer Services (CSD), Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits (MVLP) Division, Business License Office at 1112 Kapahulu Ave, Honolulu, (808)768-2540.
- E-GUN licensee/dealer application packets are available [online](#) and at the Kapahulu Business License Office.
- Submit the completed application packet and [all required documentation](#) to the Kapahulu Business License Office.
- The Honolulu Police Department will conduct background and training checks to determine the applicant's eligibility for a business license to sell E-GUNS on O'ahu.
- Approved applicants will be notified to return to the Kapahulu Business License Office to complete the E-GUN business license process and pay the annual fee (checks only).